

News Release: Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee

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Jefferson County Clean Sweep Updates

Drugs

We will **no longer accept drugs** at Clean Sweep events. We are encouraging you to take your drugs to the following locations:

Sheriff's Office – Jail Lobby, 411 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549

NEW Jefferson Police Department, 425 Collin Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

Watertown Police Department, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094

Lake Mills Police Department, 200A Water Street, Lake Mills, WI 53551

Fort Atkinson Police Department, 101 S. Water West, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Whitewater Police Department, 312 W. Whitewater Street, Whitewater WI 53190

NEW UW-Whitewater Police Department, Whitewater – drug drop-off box coming soon.

Drug Handling for Drug Drop-off Boxes:

Empty your prescription or over the counter medications (pills) in a sandwich size plastic bags. All medications can be mixed up in the same bag. **DO NOT** put pill containers in our drug drop-off boxes. Put empty pill containers in your recycle bin at your residence. Keep liquids in their original containers, but tape the lid or wrap in plastic before putting in a drug drop-off container. **Do Not** put sharps, inhalers, mercury thermometers or other medical equipment in the drug drop-off containers. Take sharps to your local Health Department, hospital or clinic. Inhalers and mercury thermometers should be taken to Clean Sweep events. Call (920) 674-7430 to schedule a Clean Sweep appointment.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and local police departments thank you for your cooperation in handling drugs properly.

Latex Paint

Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program will not be collecting or sorting latex paint at the Fort Atkinson event on August 22, 2015 or the Whitewater event on October 2, 2015. The

County will be calling all residents that have signed up for the Fort Atkinson and Whitewater Clean Sweeps to let them know they cannot bring latex paint to the sites. There are two options for disposal of the paint. Take the paint to City of Watertown Street Department, 811 S. First Street or dry out the paint and throw it in the trash as done in the past. Oil-based paint/paint products should still be brought to a Clean Sweep event. Do not bring empty paint cans or dried out paint, put these in your trash at home. When you bring your oil based paint to a Clean Sweep event, please separate the oil based paint from the chemicals - this will speed up the unloading process. Your cooperation is appreciated. To schedule a Clean Sweep appointment call (920) 674-7430.

E-Waste (TVs/Electronics)

Jefferson County Clean Sweeps may soon be discontinuing their recycling and collection of e-waste due to a significant charge in costs by our collector/recycler, URT. Due to abrupt changes in the commodities market we are now being charged \$1,000 per week to have e-waste picked

up. This is unsustainable. The Solid Waste Committee will be acting on this issue soon, and providing the date that e-waste collections will end and what options will be made available in the future. Please watch our website for information regarding this charge. Call (920) 674-7430 for more information.

Jefferson County Clean Sweep website: www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep